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INDIA-PAKISTAN: Pakistani officials claim to be "gravely concerned" over reported Indian military moves in the wake of the recent hijacking and destruction of an Indian airliner.

The deputy chief of mission at the US Embassy in Islamabad was briefed by the Foreign Ministry yesterday on a series of alleged recent actions by the Indian Army and air force. The moves could be interpreted as foreshadowing imminent hostilities between the two countries. Indian officials earlier had complained of rumored moves by the Pakistani armed forces near the West Pakistan - India border.

There is no confirmation of military moves by the Indians, but both countries presumably will be taking precautionary defensive action at a time when bilateral relations are at their lowest point since the brief war of 1965.

Events in both countries, meanwhile, tend to cause further tension. Prime Minister Gandhi, campaigning for the coming national elections, has continued to take a tough public stand against Pakistan, demanding not only compensation for the plane and extradition of the hijackers but also a Pakistan pullout from that part of Kashmir which it has "illegally" held since 1949. Across the border, the hijackers, who apparently will not be prosecuted by the government, are being treated as heroes by the citizens of West Pakistan.

Officials of both nations, however, continue quietly to seek a means for defusing the crisis. The possibility of using the good offices of the

International Civil Aviation Organization is being examined and, presumably, so is a reported offer by the British to mediate the dispute. Meanwhile, the Pakistanis have informed the UN Security Council by letter of the facts of the case as seen from Islamabad.

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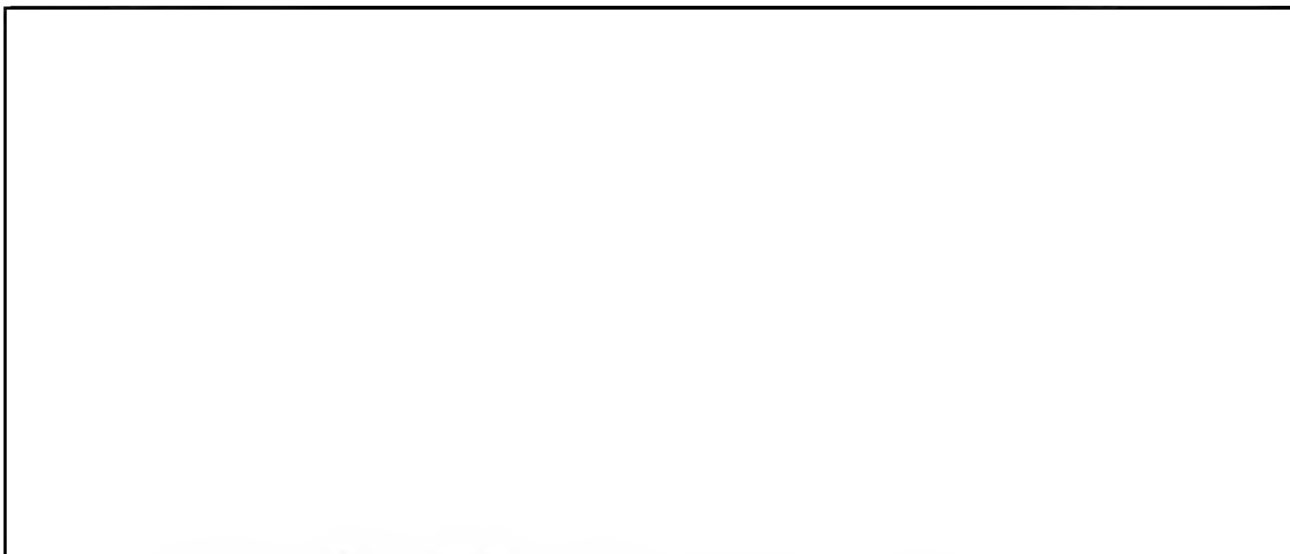
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USSR - LATIN AMERICA: Both Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, and Cubana Airlines expect to start weekly air service from Havana to Santiago, Chile

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[REDACTED] This will be the first Soviet air route to South America, and will include a refueling stop in Lima. Cubana also has had no previous scheduled service to South America, although it has been flying regularly to Mexico City. The Chilean airline will have reciprocal rights and intends to schedule flights to Havana via Lima. Aeroflot now flies regularly twice a week from Moscow to Havana and apparently will extend one of these flights onward to Santiago. Moscow received overflight and emergency-landing rights from Colombia late last year and has been discussing civil air matters, including the purchase of Soviet aircraft, with Peru over the past several months.

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